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1. During the past several years, the Polish Government and Communist Party propaganda has made frequent mention of the material aid which the USSR has contributed to the Nowa Huta project. Although on several occasions the authorities made preparations to celebrate the grand opening of the large foundry which is being constructed there, the truth of the matter is that the entire project has been delayed. This delay is attributed to the following factors:
 - a. Scarcity of skilled labor at Nowa Huta. The largest group of workers at Nowa Huta is made up of the unskilled and poorly paid peasants who have been dispossessed of their land. These new citizens of Nowa Huta despise Communism and the Soviets. A deep cleavage has developed between this large peasant class and the smaller so-called proletarian group which is made up of skilled workers. Members of the so-called proletarian group are referred to as "Moskale", despicable Soviets, by the peasants, and the proletarian group in turn refers to members of the peasant group as Kulaks.
 - b. Scarcity of housing facilities for new workers. New housing facilities cannot be constructed at an accelerated pace because of the lack of manpower and building materials, such as concrete, bricks, pipe, lumber, iron, windows, etc. The skilled class of workers are given preference over the unskilled workers in the housing projects.
 - c. Lack of an adequate labor force to construct the required canals, streets, power lines, as well as a scarcity of materials for these projects.
 - d. Failure of the USSR to meet their scheduled deliveries of machinery to Nowa Huta. The Soviets have been sending machinery to Nowa Huta during the past few months which was scheduled to be delivered two years ago. Much of this machinery has been assembled out of German machinery which the Soviets took from Germany. The machines are of poor quality and are of different sizes so that the engineers have experienced difficulty in coordinating the future production of Nowa Huta with the production of other factories in Poland.

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2. Polish deliveries to Nowa Huta for this year have been as follows: over 15,000 tons of various machines and parts, over 20,000 tons of steel building materials, over 25,000 tons of fire proofing materials, etc. It is not expected that the Polish Government will be able to meet more than two-thirds of its scheduled deliveries this year. The Polish Government is seeking machines, tools, machine parts, special steels, and other materials in the western markets and is willing to pay high prices for these items.
3. The "agitprop" (board for agitation and propaganda) which is located at Nowa Huta is under the direction of one Paszkowski (fnu) and has been successful in recruiting between fifteen and twenty new party members a month. However, the "agitprop" has not been very successful in finding party recruits among the workers from the provinces because the board has not kept its promise to provide housing, higher wages, and training courses for these people.

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